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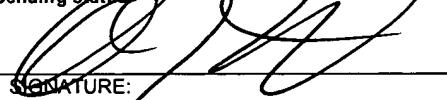
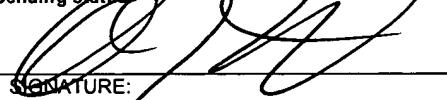
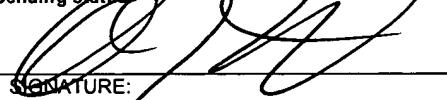
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP02/07537	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 25 July 2002	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 15 July 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION POWDER COMPACTING METHOD AND POWDER COMPACTING DEVICE		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Katsuhiko Yano et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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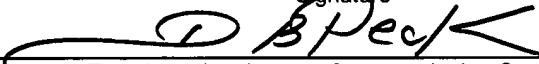
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